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Joe Blackburn,
We rejoice, as every other good Democrat in the country does, that our honored friend Col. Joe Blackburn has been renominated to the United States Senate. This is a victory for true Democracy, personal and political liberty, and anti Imperialism, and we congratulate the State of Kentucky for honoring him.

Congressman Sulzer
is doing exceedingly well. It is most pleasing to us to observe his courageous movement for liberty and true Democracy. His father was an old friend of ours who, after struggling for liberty at home, came over here to live in a free country. Mr. Sulzer has our support for any position the Democratic party may offer him.

Perplexed Republicans.
The resolution of sympathy for the Boers, introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Sulzer, is creating a genuine sensation among the Republican Congressmen. The syndicate that owns the Republican party does not wish to offend its British partners by the passage of Sulzer's resolution, and on the other hand their representatives are in a quandary how to satisfy their honest constituents in voting against American sentiment.

Senator Vest,
It is announced that the Hon. George Vest of Missouri is in his last term in United States Senate; that, as he declared at the time of his last election, he will voluntarily retire. It is too early to talk about that, though. Mr. Vest has several years, and is likely to have still much to contribute to the reputation of the Senate as a debating body. He is not only one of the picturesque figures of Congress, but an honest, upright American, who is ever ready to champion the cause of liberty. Long and continued good health to him.

A Call to Action.
Every true American ought to be proud of the two small sister republics in South Africa, who are making such a gallant and glorious fight for liberty against imperialistic England. If George Washington and Patrick Henry knew what a cowardly stand our Administration is taking, they would turn in their graves in disgust and astonishment. The largest Republic on the face of the earth is quietly standing by without raising a hand, (which it, according to the peace treaty at the Hague, could do without invoking international difficulties) in behalf of a sister republic which is fighting for political independence—and worse still it is actually giving its moral support to rich and mighty England. This state of affairs must be stopped. All public spirited citizens in every community of the United States should follow the initiative taken by the District citizens and hold a monster mass meeting, so as to influence the President and force him to act.

Our "Blue Lights."

If Mr. McKinley and the Republican party had been in power during the war of 1812, he would have been found championing the cause of England. The country truly would have been ablaze with "blue lights" to show the enemy how to fall upon our shipping. That this is true he has demonstrated by ordering the American ship Montgomery to do police duty on the west coast of Africa for the British, while their ships are seizing our vessels on the east coast.

This is indeed going farther than the Connecticut Blue Lights ever dared to go. Shame on the American Congress to sit quietly by without protesting, while Mr. McKinley, the arch traitor, is betraying the country. Do you accept his flimsy excuses? Do you believe him when he says our ship is in South Africa to look for a coaling station? Do you believe him when he informs you that it is there to look out for and protect our sister republic Liberia from French encroachment? What benevolent hypocrisy? Take up for a negro republic to the insult of France and quietly stand by without protest while our South African brethren are trampled under foot! In the name of humanity why don't you raise your hand in behalf of the Transvaal Republic which is being sacrificed? The Blue Light party of 1812 has been revived. The Republican party should turn out next fall with its blue lights, and henceforth will be dubbed the "English Blue Light Party."

From Republic to Empire.
Hon. David A. De Armond, of Missouri, in an interview, attacked the McKinley Administration without reservation, and summoned all Democrats to unite and vote solidly against the "revolutionary policies of the Republican party." Judge De Armond declared that the McKinley regime "had thrown its whole moral and material strength against liberty and in favor of despotism," that Federal officials refused to enforce the law against the trusts; that the alliance between the United States and England was "morally degrading to a free people," and that Secretary Gage's recent action in rushing to the rescue of Wall Street was "only a faint suggestion of the infamy possible under the currency bill now pending in the Senate."

The trend of political thought in the Republican party, Mr. De Armond holds, is from a republic to an empire, from simplicity to display, from economy to extravagance, and from a sense of justice to a lust for power, from the delights of liberty to the glory of despotism.
He believes we should return at once to the simple ways of the republic and walk in the paths of our fathers' trod. This nation cannot remain one half a republic and the other half an empire any more than it could remain one-half free and the other half slave. Either it will continue, in essence as well as in name, what our fathers made it—a republic—or it will incarnate, in essence, if not in name, the spirit of empire our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to overthrow in America.

What More Do We Want?

Mr. McKinley has got "the open door" in China, without killing anybody, by the expenditure of a few dollars in telegraph tolls and postage. What more do we want in the Philippines than the opportunity for Americans to develop the commercial possibilities of the islands and use them as depots for the Oriental trade? These objects and all the naval stations and a protectorate, if we wish it, could all have been gained, can all still be gained, without bloodshed, without taxing the American people, without giving the world the melancholy spectacle of a democratic republic's President denying that human beings have human rights.

Because Mr. McKinley started wrong, because he has gone on from folly to folly, is that any reason why the American people should continue his blundering in the costly effort to imitate England at her worst?

The German Americans

of Kansas City (all honor to them) at a meeting of sympathy with the Boers, after highly commending the course of Hon. Wm. Sulzer and Senator Mason in championing their fight for liberty, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That believing the cause of the two republics in South Africa one of justice and right, as against the encroachment of the avaricious British intruder, we heartily rejoice in the plenitude of success thus far attained by the brave defenders of these two republics in their several encounters with the British imperial army, sincerely hoping that complete success may crown the truly patriotic efforts of the Boers, and that the oppressor may be deservedly humiliated and driven from the soil of South Africa in disgrace.

For the South to Answer,

Editor "Jowell, of the Atlanta Constitution, has been speaking about the "Man With His Hat in His Hand." This individual is represented as typifying the Southern States asking for "expansion" in the Philippines and other ends of the earth.

Is the South really suffering for free cotton raised by labor at 15 cents a day? Is it hankering for sugar, rice and tobacco produced by coolie labor? Or does it expect to get rich manufacturing cottons for people who wear only two shifts of breech-clouts a year? Is this what the "Man With His Hat in His Hand" is asking for?

Wants a Foothold in Africa,

The latest reported scheme by which Mr. McKinley hopes to acquire more territory is one by which he and his new ally, Great Britain, are to seize and divide Liberia. His lust for land seems to be as absorbing as that for a re-nomination, and is limitless in the scope of its operation, not only including islands in all the seas, but Africa's golden sands, upon the people of which his government once desired to confer the "inestimable" boon of independence.

Conrad Nies,
the well known German-American author and poet, who recently gave a very entertaining lecture here, should have the support of all the Germans in the country. He is a credit and honor to them.

Great Work in Chicago,

The American Anti-Imperialist League of Chicago—really the mother league of the country, not in time but in importance—is doing an immense work in Anti-Imperialism. It is not only sending out a great amount of literature, like the auxiliary leagues, but it is effecting a compact organization of associated leagues in all parts of the country. It has succeeded in opening correspondence with supporters of the cause of liberty in every Congressional district of the United States, and lists of names of sympathizers and champions of the cause are being received by every mail. Almost every county in the Central West has responded and enthusiastic meetings are being held in the large cities.

The great meeting in Chicago gave impetus and momentum to this feeling and the magnificent speeches uttered there are being placed in the hands of voters by the hundred thousand. The headquarters of this Chicago League are at 164 Dearborn street, Room 517. Hon. Edwin Burritt Smith, President, and William J. Mize, Secretary.

MASON AND BOUTWELL,

Great anti-Imperialist Meeting
Next Thursday.

On Thursday evening next there will be a big anti-imperialist mass meeting in Masonic Temple, corner of F and Ninth streets. Ex-Senator J. B. Henderson will preside, and speeches will be made by Senator Mason, Governor Boutwell and Representative Lentz. The Labor Union of the city will be present, and representatives from the German and Irish societies will lend attraction to the occasion. The text of the meeting will be "Washington, Kruger and other Patriots."

Commissioner Wilson, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has decided that a physician who prescribes and sells to his patients whisky, brandy, wine, or any other alcoholic liquor that is not compounded into a medicine by the admixture of any drug or medicinal ingredient therewith, is required to pay special tax as a retail liquor dealer, even though the alcoholic liquor thus furnished be prescribed as a medicine only and so used.

Every true Democrat in all parts of the country is gratified at the fact that his party in Kentucky has come to its own again, has disencumbered itself of the men who deserted it in its time of trial, and has sent back to the Senate a true and tried Democratic Senator, and promises to expel from the gubernatorial chair of that State the Republican to whom it was recently accorded by illegal measures and unjustifiable means.

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The good old Hoyt success, "A Texas

Steer," always a favorite in Washington,

will be seen at the Academy of Music

next week. Nowhere else in the country

is "A Texas Steer" so well liked as in

Washington, and it has played more

return engagements in this city than it

has anywhere else. The reason for this

is simple. It is because the locale of the

play is in Washington, and because its theme satirizes Congress and Congressmen, as well as political life in the city. The adventures of Maverick Brander, Texas rancher, elected to Congress against his will, have caused thousands of laughs, while the pathetic side of the picture, in the shape of the poor Minister to Dahomey, who spends most of his time sitting on the steps of the Capitol building, is but one little touch which shows the superb art of the great playwright, Hoyt. The company presenting the farce this time is said to be an unusually competent one. It is headed by Katie Putnam, in the role of Bossie Brander. Will H. Bray, who will be recalled as the original Minister to Dahomey, is still a member of this organization.

The coming of "Sporting Life" to the National Theatre next week is perhaps the most important event of the theatrical season yet announced. The play properly comes under the head of noteworthy affairs because of its astonishing scenic embellishment, its for no other reason. There are five acts and sixteen scenes, each of which is declared to be of greater magnitude and artistic beauty than those of any other production in the history of our stage. Two or three scenes of more than ordinary attractiveness are usually considered sufficient to form the basis of extravagant announcements of the grandeur of a production, so it is not strange that the management of "Sporting Life" with uncommonly large numbers of pictures should claim for it supremacy over anything ever done in this country. The nature of the scenes reproduced requires great canvases and massive settings. A training hall, full of race horses; an immense exhibition ground; the Earl's Court Exhibition in London; the interior of the National Sporting Club in London and the Epsom Downs race course on Derby Day are some of the principal scenes, and in preparing these nearly every noted scenic artist in New York took a hand. "Sporting Life" was written by Cecil Raleigh and Seymour Hicks, authors of "The Sporting Duchess" and other well known melodramas. The play tells a never flagging story and contains a great number of thrilling dramatic situations and sensational climaxes. There is a genuine glove contest as well as a real horse race incident to the plot, and the manner in which they are conducted arouses the audience to a great pitch of enthusiasm. The company numbers more than 200 and the chief roles are all in the hands of most capable players. Noteworthy players to be seen in the cast are Elita Proctor Otis, Joseph Kilgour, Joseph Wheelock, Frazer Outler, Frank Burbeck, Charles F. Cretbold, Hardee Kirkland, Beresford Webb, Frank Jamison, Fred Strong, Marion Elmore, Frances Stereas, Mabel Mortimer, Adelaide Warren, Charles Harris, Nagle Barry and William Elmer.

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